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Serial No. 09/475721



**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
AND FEE AUTHORIZATION**

Applicant: Reimink, et al. Examiner: Sow Fun Hon
Serial No.: 09/475721 Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: December 30, 1999 Docket No.: 01610.0001-US-01
Title: MEDICAL DEVICES WITH POLYMER/INORGANIC SUBSTRATE
COMPOSITES

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:

'Express Mail' mailing number: EV 314775619 US

Date of Deposit: January 23, 2004

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper or fee, as described herein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' service under 37 CFR 1.10 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By: Cheryl L. Millman
Cheryl L. Millman

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
2. The following are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
 - a. ☐ Previously Submitted
 - ☐ Amendment/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
 - ☐ Appeal Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☒ Fee Calculation Sheet
 - ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
3. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
 - b. ☐ Other:

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4. Fees

a. ☒ Check(s) for required fees

1. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 for RCE filing fee as required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
2. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ for request for suspension of action
3. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ for an Extension of Time
4. ☐ Other:

b. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 50-1038. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

1. ☐ The RCE fee of _____ required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
2. ☐ The request for suspension of action
3. ☐ The Extension of Time for _____ months
4. ☐ Other: Extra Claim Fee

c. ☐ Payment is made via credit card. (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed)


d. ☒ Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that relate to the filing of this RCE and are necessary to avoid abandonment of this application, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 50-1038. If an extension of time for replying is necessary, the undersigned hereby petitions therefor.

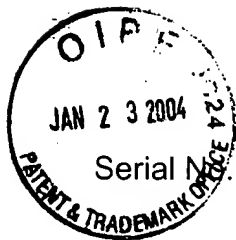
Respectfully submitted,

Altera Law Group, LLC
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Date: January 23, 2004

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FEE CALCULATION

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fees
Total Claims	21	30	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3	0	X \$86.00	\$ 0.00
Multiply Dependent Claims					\$ 0.00
RCE Filing FEE					\$770.00
TOTAL FEES					\$770.00

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AMENDMENT/REPLY SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This Reply is submitted with an RCE and is responsive to both the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2004.

A Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time were filed on November 26, 2003, thereby setting a new two month shortened statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief, that expires January 26, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3. Remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 26, 2003 are reproduced here, starting on page 7, following the listing of claims. Further, remarks in

response to the Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2004 begin on page 17, following the Response to the Final Office Action mailed November 26, 2003. Further examination and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein respectfully are requested.